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RAILWAY CO. WON'T ARBITRATE IN N. Y. TROLLEY CAR STRIKE

Rejects Plan of Settlement Offered By Public Utilities Commission and Says it Will Continue to Operate on Present Basis—Police Investigate Alleged Plot to Dynamite Property of Railways—Few Surface Cars Operated.

New York, Sept. 13.—The Interborough Rapid Transit and the New York Railways Company formally rejected today the public service commission's recommendations for strike settlement made yesterday. The two companies, controlling the subway, elevated and "Green" or surface lines, declined to hold further conferences with representatives of the union and announced that it is their intention to continue to operate their lines on the present basis.

The formal rejection, presented by Richard R. Rogers, general counsel to the two companies, read: "The Interborough Rapid Transit Co. respectfully represents to the commission that it cannot arbitrate with 10,800 of its employees out of a total of 11,800 when the employees who have signed are consistent with those agreements and endeavoring to carry them out in good faith."

The agreements referred to are the "Master and servant" contracts which bind the men not to ask for wage increases or betterment in working conditions for a period of two years. The distribution of the contracts among the Interborough and "Green" employees forced the strike, union leaders claim.

Mayor Mitchell, it developed today, has under consideration two methods of settling the strike. One is to request Governor Whitman to call a special session of the legislature to pass a law compelling both sides to accept arbitration, while the other proposes the immediate granting of a franchise to the New York Motorbus Company, Inc., to run its machines through certain streets. This franchise had been before the board of estimates for the past year.

Brooklyn detectives, it was declared today, are investigating a reported plot to damage property of the Interborough with an explosive. A cylindrical package four inches by three inches in dimension was found by one of the company track walkers lying near the subway rails near the borough hall station in Brooklyn late last night. It contained, according to the bureau of combustibles, dynamite of the powerful kind generally used in underground operations. Officials regarded the explosive as no dangerous that they threw it into the East river.

But few surface cars were operated today. Passengers were forced to use the only means of transportation, the subways and elevated roads. Although the officials claim more trains than normal are in operation on the Interborough line the congestion at express stations today was extreme.

There was little or no violence during the night, mainly due to the fact that policemen were stationed on the roof tops where heretofore attacks on elevated trains had their inception. Hugh Frayne, state organizer of the American Federation of Labor announced today that between 15,000 and 20,000 men will take part in the parade and demonstration planned for tomorrow.

Although Mr. Frayne declined to discuss the proposed "sympathetic" strike, other union leaders confirmed the report that trades closely attached to the street railway men will be called out in the event that the efforts of the public service commission to effect a settlement.

London Police Seek Military Shirkers

London, Sept. 13.—Military police today carried out an extensive raid for shirkers from military service at the Newmarket Race Course just before the classic St. Leger stake race was started.

Racing has been in abeyance for over a month and thousands of men attended. Everyone apparently of military age, including reporters, jockeys, bookmakers, betters, race course officials and grooms, was compelled to give an account of himself as he entered.

In the principal enclosure the hour's proceedings were almost featureless, producing only two slacks, both declared themselves Irishmen and not liable to registration.

Burglar With Gun Makes Jewel Heist

Waterbury, Sept. 13.—A masked burglar, carrying a revolver, entered the residence of Mrs. Emma P. Nuhn on the Waterville road early this morning, ransacking the rooms and taking diamond rings and other articles of jewelry. Only one member of the family was awakened and she wisely refrained from giving the alarm until the burglar had departed. Entrance to the house was obtained by means of a ladder and the burglar cut the telephone wires before entering. The police believe the break was the work of a professional.

INTERNED GERMANS ARRIVE

Berlin, Sept. 13.—The arrival of the small steamer Prinz Hendrik at Flushing, Holland, on Saturday last, with 45 Germans who had been interned in England but were released by the British is reported today by the Overseas News Agency.

FREE ALLEGED FORGER; COVER FACTS OF CASE

Police Mysteriously Silent As To Arrest of Arthur Sperry.

C. C. TYLER'S NAME ON WORTHLESS CHECK

But He and Others Interested Shield Youth Whom Court Deliberates.

Charged with forgery, Arthur Sperry of 483 Helen street, was discharged by the police this morning and his case was nolle in the city court. Police officials say they know nothing about the case, but it was current gossip about the city this morning that Sperry had been arrested because the name of C. C. Tyler, of 768 Fairfield avenue, a vice president of the Remington Arms-Union Metallic Cartridge Co., had been signed to a check.

A counter check of the American Bank & Trust Co. was used, so the story goes, and made out for \$50. Sperry was arrested by Detectives Frederick Feeley and John P. Curry. Though the police officials would make no comment on the case, it was rumored about police headquarters today that the charge of forgery against Sperry was because he was suspected of forging Tyler's name.

Sperry, it was suspected, made out the check for \$50 and signed Tyler's name. Then he is said to have gone to a grocery store or butcher market in Pembroke street where he had an account totalling \$15 and to have tendered the false check in payment. The merchant accepted the check and gave \$45 in change. When it was found that the check was bogus, complaint was made to the police and Sperry was arrested.

In court today the charge was dropped. Rumor had it that Mr. Tyler had no desire to be connected publicly with the case. Superintendent of Police Redgate denied knowledge of the facts of the case.

When asked about the particulars and acquainted with the story, Mr. Tyler said that he would make no statement and would neither affirm or deny the truth of the details. Moses Manwaring, president of the American Bank & Trust Co., referred inquirers to A. J. S. Sullivan, assistant treasurer of the bank, and the latter said that the matter was one in which Mr. Tyler was interested personally and the bank had nothing to do with the prosecution.

According to report, Sperry or someone acting for him, has repaid the merchant \$40 of the \$50 and agrees to make good the rest.

WOMEN CORSET WORKERS GOING TO PHILADELPHIA

Bridgeport to Send Women Delegates to National Labor Meeting.

The first delegation of women from Bridgeport to a union's national convention, will be sent from this city by the Corset Workers' union to the annual session of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' union, which will be held October 16 in Philadelphia.

Four members will be sent from Bridgeport, to represent the 3,250 persons in the strong guild that has been organized here by women shop workers. Those selected are Mrs. Grace Osborne, Mrs. Sarah Bright, Mrs. Mary Gould and Miss Anna Dunn.

The convention had been planned for last June, but the occurrence of the big garment strike in New York upset the plans and necessitated a postponement.

Bankrupt Grocer Has Prominent Creditors

With accounts aggregating more than \$3,000 outstanding among the millionaire patrons of Crawbury Hill, Shipman Point and other exclusive residential sections of Stamford involuntary proceedings in bankruptcy have begun in the United States district court against Thomas F. Caffrey, who, until recently conducted a high class grocery store at 670 Main street, Stamford.

A first meeting of the creditors has been assigned by Referee John W. Banks for September 23.

In the schedule filed today by Caffrey his debts are given as \$3,545.57 with assets of \$5,854.28, of which amount \$3,497.29 are accounts among the millionaire residents of Stamford and vicinity. Among the prominent New York society names listed among the outstanding accounts are Carnegie, C. U. deLafayette, Miller, Gov. C. C. McGraw, and others. Application for the proceedings was made by R. C. Williams, Seaman Brothers and George A. Zabarski, of New York city.

SHOOT BROTHER-IN-LAW, THEN TAKES OWN LIFE

Burlington, Vt., Sept. 13.—Rose Willett, 23 years of age, shot and killed herself here today immediately after shooting and slightly wounding John Deyette, her brother-in-law. Deyette, a coat dealer, was in his office reading when the woman, it is alleged, fired two shots at him through a window. Both of which took effect. The cause of the shooting has not been determined.

ARMS CO. RIFLE STRAIGHTENERS QUIT THEIR JOBS

Object to Cut in Prices Paid For Labor, on the Piece Work Basis.

THREE DOZEN OUT; HAVE NO UNION

Work is Highly Specialized, Depending Upon Keen Eyesight and Deft Hands

All the barrel straighteners employed in the Remington Arms & Ammunition plant, 36 of them, walked out this morning shortly after 8 o'clock, when Superintendent Woodbury of the barrel department notified them that a revision of the piece work prices in that department, to which the men had objected, would stand.

The men have no union, but they have met informally and after their walkout they announced that they proposed to stand together. The work depends largely upon the individual skill of the worker, and under the piece work system, some of the men had made high wages, and others whose eyes were not so keen and whose hands were not so deft in the use of the hammer, were not able to make more than a skilled machinist.

Several of the men who discussed the walkout said that no barrel straighteners were left in the plant. Barrel straightening is one of the highest developed arts of the munition industry. Its acquirement is impossible except by long practice and under the utmost supervision. There are no shortcuts capable of doing this work automatically, which requires the finest eyesight, the utmost observation of lights and shadows and an almost intuitive touch of the hammer in adjustment of the barrel.

After being drilled the barrel is delivered into the hands of the workman. Permanent rest is afforded which eight upon ground glass targets inserted in the north windows of the building. Two crossed lines throw their shadows directly into the bore of the barrel. Any curvature will throw a whole of shadow, which must be concentric before a bullet will project directly ahead of the muzzle.

By months of practice the artisan knows exactly where to strike a straightening blow and with what force it may be given. There are less than 1,000 of these artisans in the United States. The Remington company was forced to educate its own staff.

PROBATION PLAN INEFFICIENT, IS BELIEF OF JUDGE

Criticizes System in Superior Court When Lawyer Invokes It.

The probation system was criticized by Judge Tuttle in the criminal superior court this afternoon when he refused in two cases to put prisoners in charge of probation officers. "Will you tell me what use it would be to probate a man charged with embezzlement," he demanded of a lawyer representing August Markle of this city, charged with embezzling \$300 from the Bakers' union. The plea was made that Markle's family would starve if he were sent to jail. The court then sentenced Markle to jail for six months but suspended sentence. "Now get out and support your family," he said to the prisoner.

Charles Durham and Frank Thompson pleaded guilty to the charge of theft and their lawyer wanted them probated. "He is 25 years old can't get off on probation for such a crime as this," declared Judge Tuttle. He sentenced each of the accused to jail for three months.

Railroads Show Big Gain in Net Revenue

Washington, Sept. 13.—Net revenues from operations of \$1,176,804,001 for the year ending June 30, compared with \$850,402,433 during 1915, for all railroads having revenues of \$1,000,000 a year or over, are shown today in the interstate commerce commission's report. The net revenue per mile was \$5.14 for the current year compared with \$4.76 for last year.

The railway operating revenues for the year aggregated \$3,396,308,234. Operating expenses, \$2,220,004,233; tax accruals, \$146,754,477; uncollectable accounts, \$807,730; and operating incomes, \$1,029,241,804. For the month of June, the net revenue from railway operation was \$10,351,442.

The figures for the year show the railroad's gross revenue from freight was \$2,409,333,699; from passenger service, \$673,471,119; mails, \$60,057,967; express, \$81,014,694; and other transportation over \$97,000,000. Of the year's net revenue from operations, \$214,981,320 was in the eastern district; \$185,822,562 in the southern district, and \$494,920,119 in the western district.

COMMITTEES WHO STOLE

Thomas Weldon and Julius Stenowitch, two former employees of the Adams Express Co., were sentenced to the state reformatory by Judge Tuttle in the criminal superior court this morning, after they had pleaded guilty to the charge of theft. Each is 19 years old. It is said Weldon stole clothing worth \$58. Stenowitch is alleged to have taken \$49.60 in cash belonging to the express company.

FRENCH TROOPS CAPTURE BOUCHAVESNES IN DRIVE ON SOMME BATTLE FRONT

GREEK RULER ACCEPTS RESIGNATION OF ZAIMIS AND HIS ENTIRE CABINET

Athens, Sept. 12, via London, Sept. 13.—(Delayed.)—King Constantine has accepted the resignation of Premier Zaimis and his cabinet.

The belief is entertained in the entente quarters that the retirement of the Zaimis ministry is preliminary to the entrance of Greece in the war with the allies. Recent despatches from Berlin and Vienna show that there also it is regarded as probable that Greece will soon abandon neutrality and join with the enemy's central powers.

The precise causes which led to the resignation of the ministry have not been disclosed, on account of the exceptionally rigid censorship which is being maintained. A London despatch of yesterday says that Zaimis had complained that internal incidents were preventing him from dealing with the external situation. It is believed in London that his resignation was due to the fact that he accepted the premiership on the understanding that he was to maintain neutrality and that in view of the Bulgarian oc-

cupation of Greek territory he had found this to be impossible. Political affairs reached a crisis after the Bulgarians invaded northeastern Greece and the followers of former Premier Venizelos served warning on King Constantine that he must abandon the advisers who, it was said, had misled him and influenced him in favor of Germany. At the same time M. Venizelos expressed confidence in M. Zaimis whom he asked the King to support and it was understood an agreement had been reached under which the Zaimis ministry was to continue in power with the support of the Venizelos party.

After the fall of the Venizelos cabinet in October, last year, on account of the King's disagreement with the policy of that ministry in favor of entering the war with the allies, M. Zaimis was called on to form a cabinet. He announced a policy of armed neutrality. In June, M. Zaimis was again placed by the King at the head of the government. Although advocating neutrality, M. Zaimis was regarded as having a predisposition in favor of the entente allies.

FINDS BODY OF MAN AFLOAT IN EAST END CREEK

Boy Discovers Greatly Decomposed Form—Investigation Fruitless.

Decomposed to such an extent that recognition was impossible, a body of a man was found floating in Johnson's creek, a short distance west of the Pleasure Beach bridge, about 8 o'clock this morning. The discovery was made by the 12-year-old son of William F. Blois of 241 Seaview avenue. No marks of identification were found on the body and because of the condition, Acting Medical Examiner Fitzgerald was unable to tell whether the man had been murdered and thrown in the water or whether it was a case of drowning. The body was buried shortly after Dr. Fitzgerald's examination.

Young Blois was playing in his back yard, which extends to the water front, when he saw the man's body floating a few feet from shore. He called to his parents and notified Otto Lehmann, at his shore house a few houses south. Mr. Lehmann called the second precinct police station and Lieutenant William O'Leary detailed Policeman Timothy Shea to investigate. The medical examiner was also notified.

The body was pulled to shore and as it had been in the water about two months, the flesh of the face and head had been entirely decomposed and the bones of the skull were separating. The man wore black trousers, shoes, belt, blue socks and a pair of rubber overshoes, but nothing contained labels or marks of identification.

TWO CITIES IN CONN. SEEKING ARMOR FACTORY

New Haven and Hartford Want Government to Locate Plant in State.

Washington, Sept. 13.—Delegations from nearly all of the principal cities of the east and south gathered at the navy department today to urge the advantage of ites offered for the \$11,000,000 government armor plate plant authorized in the new naval appropriation bill. More than 300 men were on hand when Secretary Daniels began his hearings, most of the delegations being headed by Senators and Congressmen.

Many cities not represented by spokesmen sent in written briefs in behalf of their claims. Among those seeking the plant are: New Haven and Hartford, Chicago, Louisville, Baltimore, Annapolis, Dalton, Mass., St. Louis, New York, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Albany, Watervliet, Toledo, Cincinnati, Youngstown, Cleveland, Columbus, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Providence, Wheeling, Richmond, Norfolk and Birmingham.

POINDEXTER IN LEAD

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 13.—With returns coming in slowly today from yesterday's primary election, the outcome in the contest for the Republican nomination for United States Senator still in doubt, although Miles Poinexter, the present incumbent, was leading.

HOUSING CO.'S FIRST BUILDING READY BY JAN. 1

Financing Fundless Home-Seekers to Be Subsidiary to Main Plan.

Large co-operative colonization schemes, building for rental and building and loan plans for the owner of property who has insufficient capital to erect his own residence will be made subsidiary to the present plans of the Bridgeport Housing Co., to get immediate housing facilities for Bridgeport factories.

This determination became known today following a long conference of the executive board of the Housing Co. held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms.

The element of chance in loaning large sums of money to those who have no land, is said to have been discussed at length. Most of the subscribers who will be large investors in the capital stock of the company deprecate delays attendant upon the formulation of housing schemes that have not been well tried and assured of profitable revenue.

George E. Crawford, president of the Chamber of Commerce and an active member in the new company, said today that every effort would be made to complete building at once, though it is not likely the first house would be ready for occupancy until January 1.

Though uncommunicative on the details of the plans now projected, which are merely tentative, Mr. Crawford asserted that the ultimate outcome of the present move for quick construction would place orders in the hands of those construction companies who could offer the best guarantees to build the largest number of houses upon specification in the least possible time.

Under this plan, no specific location would be necessary, provided the plots were flexible and probably would spread the operations over various sections of the city, rather than in one section.

It is known that scores of really operators have offered land to the company and numerous builders are beginning to arrive in this city to prepare, if possible, a share of the work.

Under the present scheme the company, irrespective of fad or fancy, will contract for work where it will receive the lowest figure by reason of the enormous contracts it can let with the capital behind it.

Mysterious Balloon Seen—Over Winsted

Winsted, Conn., Sept. 13.—A large balloon which came out of the north, apparently from the direction of Pittsfield, Mass., floated over Winsted from about 7:30 to 8 a. m., today and then disappeared toward the north again. At one time the balloon was comparatively near the earth but before its disappearance had ascended to a great altitude. Nothing as to its identity could be learned.

JUNK DEALER ARRESTED.

On the charge of buying junk from minors, Joseph Rogusto of 515 Housatonic avenue, was arrested today by Detective Frederick Feeley.

THE WEATHER

Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday.

Take Village After Sharp Fighting, and Make Other Important Gains in France—Serbia Takes Offensive.

Join With French Forces and Push Forward—Rumanian General Drowned in Trying to Flee After Surrender.

Paris, Sept. 13.—The French have captured the village of Bouchavesnes, on the Somme front.

The official announcement of today says that the village, which is in the region of Comblès, was taken from the Germans this evening.

The French also took by assault a wood six hundred yards east of the road from Peronne to Bethune. On the Verdun front the French made progress in the northern part of the Vaux-Chapitre Wood.

Notwithstanding the stout resistance of the Teutonic allies, the Serbian troops on the Macedonian front have made important progress at various points, it is announced by the war office. Violent fighting is in progress in the vicinity of Lake Ostrovo, where the Serbians have gained considerable ground.

SERBS ON OFFENSIVE. Athens, Sept. 13.—French and Serbian troops have taken the offensive on the western end of the Macedonian front. They have captured the town of Sorovitz, near Florina.

RUMANIAN GENERAL LOST. Berlin, Sept. 13.—According to reports from Sofia, says an Overseas News Agency, announced today, General Besarabescu, commander of the recently captured Rumanian fortress of Turturkai, attempted to escape in a boat after the fall of the last fortification. The boat carrying him was sunk and the general was drowned in the Danube.

MACHINISTS SEEK FINAL JUDGMENT ON PICKET CASE

Wants to Expedite Hearing on Ams Injunction Against Their Scouts.

In the effort to force developments that will result in withdrawal of the legal restrictions on the strikers of the Max Ams Co., the International Association of Machinists is planning to petition for a hearing on the Ams Co.'s request for a permanent injunction against picketing.

A temporary injunction is now in effect and by it the strikers are restrained from doing many of the things hitherto thought legal by them, in picketing.

"If the permanent injunction is granted, we can then begin the fight to have it dissolved," said George J. Bowen, business agent of the machinists, today. "We shall begin the fight this fall."

The Ams Co. obtained an injunction against the strikers early this year, following a winter during which the machinists' activity greatly cut the working force of the plant. Judge Gager handed down the decision against the machinists.

Jitneur on Trial For Manslaughter

Willimantic, Conn., Sept. 13.—Harry Skyles of Hartford, driver of a "Jitneur" car, was put to trial in the superior court here today on a charge of manslaughter as a result of the death of Samuel A. Rockwell of Windsor, a passenger on his car. On May 20, Skyles' car was in collision with a trolley car here, in which accident Rockwell suffered injuries which caused his death the following day. It is charged that Skyles was involved in the collision through reckless driving.

DIES IN AUTOMOBILE

New Haven, Sept. 13.—Willis H. Wilcox, president of the Greenwich Savings Bank, died in his automobile while passing through North Haven today on his way from his home in Greenwich to the White Mountains. He was about 70 years old.

MISS HARRIET M. PENNEY DEAD

Greenwich, Sept. 13.—Miss Harriet Maria Penney, at one time prominent in state temperance work, died at her home here today in her 87th year. In the early seventies she was teacher in schools in New York and later conducted a private school in Connecticut.